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## ***Find Your “Luck of the Irish” at the 2009 Jersey City St. Patrick’s Day Parade***

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy and members of the **Municipal Council**, in conjunction with the **Department of Health and Human Service, Division of Cultural Affairs**, are hosting the **2009 Jersey City St. Patrick’s Day Parade** from **12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 15, 2009 at Lincoln Park** and will proceed to a viewing stand in **Journal Square**.

“St. Patrick's Day is celebrated by the Irish and the Irish at Heart,” **Mayor Healy** said. "I want to welcome all of Jersey City to join me on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> as we celebrate the rich Irish heritage and culture in Jersey City."

The parade participants step off at 12:30 p.m. from Kennedy Boulevard across from the entrance to Lincoln Park and proceed north to Journal Square. The official reviewing stand will be located on the north side of Journal Square, directly across from historic Loews Theatre. A Mass is scheduled at Saint Aedan's at 10:00 a.m. sponsored by the Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick.

The 2009 Jersey City Saint Patrick’s Day Parade Committee is proud to announce the selection of Brother Patrick King, F.S.C. as Grand Marshal of the 2009 Jersey City St. Patrick's Day Parade. Joining Brother King in the parade are Irishman and woman of the year: W. Nevins McCann and Bridget Kelly Koch; Irish Firefighter of the year is Captain Thomas Ebert; Irish Police Officer of the Year is Detective Joseph Shaw; Honorary Irishman of the year is Nick Economou; this year’s Appreciation Award will go to Alton O’Neil.

Michael F. Jennings, Chairman of the St. Patrick’s Day Parade Committee, encourages families to attend the parade.

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The first St. Patrick's Day parade took place not in Ireland, but in the United States. Irish soldiers serving in the English military marched through New York City on March 17, 1762. The Irish have observed this day as a religious holiday for more than a thousand years.

For more information, **contact the Division of Cultural Affairs at 201-547-6921.**

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